Terrorism as a challenge to Government

†335. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorism is becoming a challenge for Government inside the country and on the borders in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating stringent steps to wipe it out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when these steps will be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Govt. is aware of the challenge posed by terrorism, which has now become a global phenomenon. The Government remains fully committed to combating the menance of terrorism by way of a multi-pronged strategy. In pursuance of this strategy, the Government has taken various measures on political, legal, security and development fronts. The Government is willing to talk to all those groups who agree to abjure violence and surrender arms within the framework of the Indian Constitution. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in September, 2004 has the necessary provisions to deal with various aspects of terrorism. On the security front, the counter terrorism measures include effective border management to check infiltration across the borders, deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, heightened vigil and security arrangements in vulnerable areas and aound vital installations, strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing capabilities, particularly at the cutting edge level, augmentation and modernization of police forces and raising of India Reserve Battalions, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment with the Central and State Police Forces, and steps taken to achieve bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the global imperatives of terrorism.

Rise in suicide cases in the country

†336. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of those committing suicide in the country, is on the rise;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating any steps to check such incidents of suicides;

(c) if so, the details of these steps and by when these are to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 113697, 113914 and 118112 number of suicides were reported in the country during the year 2004 to 2006 respectively, thus showing an increasing trend. The State/UT-wise number of suicides during 2004 to 2006 is enclosed in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) During the 11th Five Year Plan period, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under its re-strategised National Mental Health Programme having a component of District Mental Health Programme, *inter alia* envisages to cater for suicide prevention.

Statement

State/UT wise Number of Suicides during 2004-2006 in the country

Sl.No.		2004	2005	2006*
	State/UT	No. of Suicides	No. of Suicides	No. of Suicides
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13526	13442	13276
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	79	70	129
3.	Assam	2839	2846	3031
4.	Bihar	351	543	618

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